2. WPI (1970-71=100)

Major Groups	Weight * (in per cent)
1. Primary Articles . .	41 67
(a) Food articles . .	29 80
(b) Non-food articles .	10 62
(c) Minerals . . .	1 25
2. Fuel, Power, Light and Lubricants . .	8·46
3. Manufactured products .	49.87
All Commodities	100 00

* Weights given to each of the 360 items included in WPI are given in the monthly bulletin published regularly by the office of the Economic Adviser, Ministry of Industry.

Import of Targets of S.T.C.

3601. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the projected targets of imports of different items by the State Trading Corporation during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the quantity imported|targets achieved, item-wise and the foreign exchange spent thereon during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) A statement indicating the projected imports of different commodities and actual imports against those by STC during the last three years, is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLV. Annexure No. 124).

Scales of Pay of NDMC Staff

3602. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in accordance with the recommendations of the Shiv Shankaran Committee Report, only Ministerial staff of NDMC are given pay scales on the pattern of DESU after a Supreme Court decision and that all other staff including peons, chowkidars and medical staff have been excluded from the benefit of Supreme Court decision; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for excluding a large number of staff in the matter of extending benefit in pay equally with other workers in the N.D.M.C.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The New Delhi Municipal Committee have decided to implement the judgement of the Supreme Court to cover all the categories, who constitute 496 posts, to whom the scales recommended by the Shiv Shankaran Committee were initially extended.

Setting up of Technology Development Corporation

3603. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) has proposed to set up a Technology Development Corporation to help upgrade technology for Indian industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the location thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) has reported that Technology Development & Information Company of India Ltd. (TDICI) has been incorporated on January 5, 1988 and the same is proposed to be set up at Banglore. The main functions of TDICI would be financing of commercial research and development schemes, venture capital for high-tech and high risk projects, technology upgradation and modernisation schemes and providing technology information service on a commercial basis for users of technology.